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Letter dated 6 May 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am pleased to attach herewith a copy of the press release issued by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda on 29 April 2005 announcing the decision by the Arab Republic of Egypt to provide voluntary financial support to the International Tribunal (see annex). The decision came in conjunction with Egypt's commemoration of the anniversary of the Rwandan genocide and it is aimed at strengthening the Tribunal as one of the important elements in our quest to address the root causes of conflicts and hostility in the Great Lakes region.

I should appreciate it if you would kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Arab Republic of Egypt provides financial support to the Tribunal

In support of its commitment to ensuring peace, security and stability in the Great Lakes Region, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has pledged to make additional financial contribution to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

The Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, made the pledge following the participation of Mr. Adama Dieng, Registrar of the ICTR, in Egypt's commemoration of the anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. The Minister said that this support is to strengthen the worldwide mission of the Tribunal which is considered one of the major elements in eliminating root causes of conflicts and hostility in the Great Lakes Region.

Mr. Dieng expressed his appreciation to the Government of Egypt for its decision. He said that the contribution will be used for the Tribunal's outreach programme to better inform Rwandan citizens of the Tribunal's mission.